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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Article 52 (2)(d) EPC – Presentation of information
The claims were only searched with regards to the underlying method of generating a reference data base for distinguishing immunologically defined
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-27 (partially)

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II.1

Article 52 (2)(d) EPC - Presentation of information

The claims were only searched with regards to the underlying method of generating a reference data base for distinguishing immunologically defined ALL subtypes.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-27 (partially)

A method for distinguishing mature B-ALL from all other subtypes of immunologically defined ALL subtypes, the method comprising determining the expression level of the marker CD99. Use of said marker for the manufacture of a diagnostic. A diagnostic kit containing said marker and an apparatus comprising a reference data bank, wherein the reference data bank is obtainable by determining the expression level of CD99.

2. claims: 1-27 (all partially)

Inventions 2-1050

Methods for distinguishing immunologically defined ALL subtypes Pro-B-ALL, c-ALL, Pre-B-ALL, c-ALL/Pre-B-ALL, mature B-ALL, precursor B-ALL, Pro-T-ALL, Pre-T-ALL, cortical T-ALL, mature T-ALL and/or T-ALL and methods for distinguishing specific subtypes against all other subtypes and against each other, the method comprising determining individually the expression level of the markers listed in tables 1.1, positions 2-50, tables 1.2-1.6 and in table 2. Use of said markers for the manufacture of diagnostics. Diagnostic kits containing said markers and apparatus comprising a reference data bank, wherein the reference data bank is obtainable by determining the expression levels of said markers.

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